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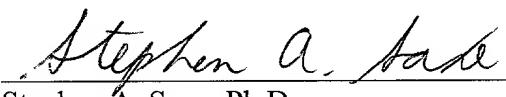
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby bring to the Examiner's attention the fact that some of the claims filed with this application have been copied from published PCT application WO 99/63351 (Oxford Glycosciences Ltd., published 9 December 1999). In addition, Applicants are aware of a second published PCT application by Oxford Glycosciences Ltd. with related claims, this being WO 98/23950 which was published 4 June 1998. Finally, Applicants are aware of and bring to the Examiner's attention issued U.S. Patent 6,064,754 (issued 16 May 2000) which is assigned to Oxford Glycosciences Ltd. and which is related to the two published PCT applications cited above. These documents will be submitted as part of an Information Disclosure Statement in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,


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